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Doug Light to be honoured with scholarship

Doug Light wants a retirement gift he can give away.

George Brown's president has asked his colleagues to forgo buying gifts for him, and put their donations in a scholarship fund to help needy students.

The scholarship fund is a gift that keeps on giving – for decades to come. Every year, a scholarship will be paid out of the interest earned in the previous year.

The College's Board of Governors set up the fund after discussing the matter with Light late last year.

Contributions to the fund will be used to increase the number or value of scholarships given out each year.

Light, who will retire in a few months after the appointment of a successor, will establish eligibility criteria for the scholarships that carry his name.

Contributions to the fund of more than \$10 generate income tax credits because they are considered charitable donations, and receipts will be issued automatically.

People who attend a formal dinner for Light at the Metro Convention Centre on March 4, 1991 will help swell the fund, as a portion of their \$75 ticket cost for that event will go directly to the scholarship.

The dinner will celebrate Light's career in education that began with a teaching position at Queen's University in 1959, and included a teaching position at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute as well as administrative posts at Humber, Centennial and George Brown colleges. About 400 people are expected to attend, including former colleagues, government officials, community, industry and business representatives.

All members of George Brown's community – including staff, students, and advisory committee members – are invited to attend the event. Reser-

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Photo: Mary Ann Hingst

Eddie, played by Michael Chipman, is comforted by his friend Monica, played by Jacklyn Francis, after finding out he is infected with the AIDS virus in a George Brown Theatre School production of *Secrets*.

Secrets go public in AIDS show

Fifteen-year-old Eric Hinch knew about AIDS, but he never thought about the mental anguish the disease inflicts.

The emotional price exacted by the deadly disease was just one of the lessons Hinch learned as he watched *Secrets*, an educational drama about acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) performed by students of George Brown College's theatre school.

"It was really good to understand what someone who tests positive for the (HIV) virus is going through," said Hinch, a Grade 10 student at Earl Haig Secondary School in North York, who was one of hundreds of Metro students who saw *Secrets* in the fall.

Secrets is a series of vignettes about AIDS and includes songs, dancing, skits, and a question period. The main skit is about Eddie, a teenager who is infected with the HIV virus, which precedes AIDS, by "shooting up" or injecting drugs. He, in turn, passes the virus on to several other people.

The play aims to increase student awareness of AIDS transmission, to reduce fear and prejudice, and to encourage choices and behaviour that will cut the risk of getting AIDS. In one scene, two young women discuss birth-control methods. In another, Eddie is asked to show that he knows how to use a condom by putting one on a banana.

"It (the presentation) was full of information I didn't know too much about," said 18-year-old Don Culbertson, a Grade 12 student at Weston Collegiate, after watching *Secrets*. "Especially in the shooting-up part. I know a lot of people that use dope and I think they would've learned a lot."

Theatre school Artistic Director Heinar Piller says the audience response to *Secrets* has been encouraging.

"High schools are a tough audience to play because they are youngsters, they are insecure, and they are titillated."

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Comment by Doug Light

Board agreement is based on common interests and aims

This month, George Brown's Board of Governors approved an important five-year agreement with the Toronto Board of Education. I say important, because I believe that within its general terms it holds the promise of a new and mutually beneficial relationship between our institutions over the coming years.

The agreement itself mandates a joint Articulation Advisory Committee to oversee development of specific articulation projects. One primary focus is to prepare Grade 11 and 12 students for entry into college programs with appropriate communication and numeracy courses. Another involves providing students in both elementary and secondary schools with more information about career paths and education.

What brings George Brown and the Board together in this important initiative is our common interests and aims. The first and foremost of these is our common desire to see the largest possible number of young people in our community achieve their goals for rewarding and personally satisfying lives and careers.

Our shared aim in this agreement is to begin to present a college education as an attractive and viable option to more secondary students so they can view their school studies as an important step towards a successful working life.

When the benefits of this agreement are fully realized, more Toronto Board graduates should be coming to the College better prepared for their courses here. There should also be less duplication of course material—particularly in business and technology areas.

This may be just a first step with the Board in this area, but it is an important one because it starts us off in the right direction.

Staff awards give colleagues pat on back

Way to go! You've done a great job!

Do you ever say this kind of thing to your colleagues at George Brown? Do you ever give one of your co-workers a pat on the back?

Now's your chance to do even more for people who have done a terrific job. The College's Board of Governors is again sponsoring the annual Awards of Excellence program, introduced last year, for College staff.

Board member Herman Stewart, who is chairing the awards committee, says all College staff should think about nominating a colleague, or group of colleagues.

"Being nominated, or winning, an Award of Excellence gives staff the College-wide recognition they deserve," he says.

The five award categories have been carefully chosen to encompass a very wide range of on-the-job and after-hours activities, he says.

The categories are: educational achievements, service to the college community, community service, leadership within a profession, and team achievements.

The Board, which selects the award winners, would like to see a wide range of nominations in all categories from all staff groups including support

staff, academic staff and administrators," Stewart says.

Last year there were 42 nominations for awards in the five categories. Ten Awards of Excellence were given out, including the award of team achievement that went to six people.

Brochures describing the Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence, which include a nomination form, are scheduled to be distributed to all staff members in early February.

The awards are open to all College employees, full-time and part-time, and any George Brown employee or student, full- or part-time, may nominate an employee.

The completed forms must be returned to the President's Office, 500 MacPherson Ave., no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 25.

Award winners will be honoured at a ceremony and reception on May 30, 1991.

Nominees for Awards of Excellence must "demonstrate sustained, above-average job performance and be highly regarded by supervisors, peers, and (where appropriate) students, for integrity and excellence in their field." In addition, they must meet the specific criteria in the category for which they are being nominated.

Dangers, anguish of AIDS presented to students

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lated by the subject," said Piller. "But it's amazing how the program just pulls everybody totally into the story. There were times when you could have heard a pin drop in the audience."

The response of local high schools was positive, according to Performing Arts Co-ordinator John Price. Seven performances were booked last semester, and more shows will be done in 1991.

Secrets will be performed at George Brown College on Feb. 27, at noon in the St. James gym.

George Brown's production of *Secrets* serves several purposes, says Price. "It gives our second-year theatre students a mini-touring experience, and it also gives them a valuable opportunity to perform before a high-school audience. It's wonderful when their needs can be combined with an important public service."

The message may be better received because it is coming from other young people, Piller says. "It's not preachy, and it's not some doctor or teacher or authority figure saying, 'Thou shalt not' or 'Thou must'," Piller says. "The age similarity leads the members of the audience to accept (the performers) one on one."

Light dinner planned

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vations can be made by calling the President's Office at 944-4471 on Feb. 26, 1991, or sending a cheque made payable to George Brown College—D. E. Light Retirement Party.

Other events are being planned for Light, including staff receptions at all George Brown campuses in February or March. Staff are being invited to attend the free, Board of Governors-sponsored events, and are being asked to make a donation to the scholarship fund in lieu of making a contribution for a gift.

Events

Jan. 28, 31, Feb. 4, 7 - Staff development seminar: *Introduction to Companion for Wordperfect*, led by Richard Borne, Psyborne Inc., 146 Kendal Ave., room E-132, 9 a.m. - noon. For information, call 944-4661.

Jan. 30 - 1991 alumni basketball, St. James gym. Women's game, 6 p.m., men's game, 8 p.m.

Jan. 30 - Staff development seminar: *Presentation Skills*, led by communications consultant Bina Feldman of Seminars by Design, 200 King St. E., room 663, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For information, call 944-4661.

Feb. 2 - Men's basketball game, George Brown vs. Cambrian College, 6 p.m., St. James gym.

Feb. 4 - Start date for many winter post-secondary programs.

Feb. 5 - Board of Governors meeting, 500 MacPherson, boardroom. All welcome — please call the President's Office at 944-4473 if you plan to attend.

Feb. 6 - Staff development seminar: *Personal Career Planning Opportunities*, workshop for administrators, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 200 King St. E., room 663. For more information, call 944-4661.

Feb. 8 and 9 - Women's volleyball. Friday games from 4 p.m., Saturday games from 9 a.m., St. James gym.

Feb. 11 - Staff development seminar: *Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3, version 2.2.*, led by Richard Borne of Psyborne Inc., 146 Kendal Ave., room E-132, 9 a.m. to noon. Call 944-4661.

Feb. 11 - Staff development seminar: *Understanding the Academic Collective Agreement*, led by Human Resources Director Sally Layton, 500 MacPherson, boardroom, 9 a.m. - noon. For information, call 944-4661.

Feb. 13 - Staff development seminar: *Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS)*, Casa Loma, room C-318, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Also offered on other dates. For information, call 944-4661.

Feb. 14 - College Council meeting, 300



COMPUTER COMIC - Graphic Design graduate George Yatsis has produced the first computer-enhanced comic, *The Black Diamond Effect*. He will publish it 12 times a year.

Adelaide St. E., room 310, 8:45 to 11 a.m. Theme: "Faculty/Support/Chair evaluation." All welcome.

Feb. 15 - Men's basketball, George Brown vs. Canadore College, 7 p.m., St. James gym.

Feb. 19 - Staff development seminar: *Fitness Opportunities*, led by Fitness and Lifestyle Management teacher John Griffin, 160 Kendal Ave., noon to 1 p.m. For information, call 944-4661.

- George Brown School of Technology and Science and Graphic Arts Division participate in the Toronto Board of Education's information fair, *Technology - Your Future*, at St. Lawrence Hall North. Continues on Feb. 20 and 21.

Feb. 20 - *Wellness and You*. All staff and students are invited to Wellness Day activities, booths, and a guest speaker, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., atrium, 200 King St. E. About 25 groups will participate, including the YMCA, Canadian Lung Association, Toronto Parks and Recreation Department, Immigrant Women's Health Centre, and representatives from the College's fitness, athletics, and dental departments. Special guest is Sue Johanson, host of television's "Sex, Drugs and

Rock and Roll," who speaks from noon to 1 p.m.

Feb. 20 - Mid-year meeting of the Advisory Committee for Equity (ACE) to discuss activities of 11 subcommittees, room C318, 160 Kendal Ave. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. All staff and students are welcome. Call June Kingshott at 944-4621 for more information.

-Staff development seminar: *Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS)*, 200 King St. E., room 663, noon to 4 p.m. Also offered on other dates. For information, call 944-4661.

Feb. 21 - George Brown's School of Hospitality co-hosts a feast of the Chinese new year in Plumer's Dining Room featuring the culinary creations of 14 of Taiwan's top chefs. The seven-course dinner includes lobster with Sichuan sauce, chicken broth with shark fin and bird nest, red snapper, and chrysanthemum tea. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling 867-2244.

Feb. 26 and 28 - Staff development seminar: *What You Should Know About MS-DOS, Hard Drives and File Backup*, led by Richard Borne of Psyborne Inc., 1-4 p.m., 200 King St. E., room 454-C. For information, call 944-4661.

Feb. 27 - Reception for Doug Light, Kensington gym, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Featuring coffee, pastries and champagne. All staff from Kensington and Nightingale are invited to attend. Call the campus manager's office for more information.

Feb. 28 - Reception for Doug Light, Casa Loma gym, 3 to 6 p.m. All Casa Loma staff are invited to attend. Call the campus manager's office for more information.

March 4 - Gala dinner at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in honour of retiring College President Doug Light. (See scholarship story on page 1.) Tickets are \$75 per person, including a donation to the D.E. Light Scholarship Fund (for which a tax receipt will be issued). All staff are invited to attend. For information call the President's Office at 944-4474. Reservations must be made before February 26, 1991.

Names in the News



VOLLEYBALL WINNERS - A team made up primarily of English and Liberal Studies staff from Casa Loma won the College-wide staff volleyball tournament in December by a decisive victory over a team from Computer Services. The Fifth Floor Flyers, led by captain Bill Insley (bottom row, holding trophy on knee), won the championship game 15 to 6. Other Flyers include (top row from left) Gary Waters, John Luckman, Peter Sanders, John Hamilton, and (bottom row from left) Russell Palmer and Jennifer Baker. Twelve teams took part in the tournament, including a team made up of staff who had worked at the now-closed College Street Campus.

Maureen Rudzik has been elected Chairperson of the Metro Toronto Reference Library Board. The St. James English and Liberal Studies teacher has served on the board, as a representative of the Toronto Public Library Board, since 1984. Last year she was vice-chair. In her new position, Rudzik heads the group that is responsible for all facets of the Yonge Street library's operations - from a \$22-million budget to union negotiations to vandalism. The library's biggest problem is how to accommodate an ever-increasing amount of information. "We're running out of space for books," she says. The library also has one of the world's best collections of Sherlock Holmes material. "It's a really fabulous place to wander around," says Rudzik.

Fashion teacher Dave Dawson has become the first person to complete the Ontario colleges in-service teacher training program. For part of his course he developed a teaching manual for garment costing, along with a computer application and student workbooks. Dawson has taught at George Brown since 1979 and is currently co-ordinator of Fashion Management and Power Sewing programs.

The search is on for a new director of physical resources to replace James Graham, who is moving to another College position focusing on facility planning and construction. In February, Associate Director David Copsy will move from Casa Loma to St. James where he will become campus manager in addition to his other duties. He will replace Al Cockburn, who moved at the beginning of January to become campus manager for Kensington and Nightingale. The search is also on to find a replacement for health and safety officer Julia Lewis, who has taken a position with Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

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George Brown has hired its first female plumbing apprentice, Sonia Bartley, who worked as a clerk in the Purchasing Department, has now swapped her faxes and files for wrenches and pipes. George Brown is the first college in Ontario to hire a female plumbing apprentice, according to Suzanne Maxwell, who is the new co-ordinator of the Women's Access to Apprenticeship project. Across Ontario, the number of female apprentices learning non-traditional trades has increased almost 50 per cent to more than 1,400.

Community organizer Carmencita Hernandez has resigned from George Brown's Board of Governors because of time commitments to other projects. Hernandez is the chairperson of the Coalition of Visible Minority Women. The Board is now seeking a replacement nominated by the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Metro Toronto Labour Council.

The Ontario Hostelry Institute (OHI) Chairman's Award for 1991 was presented to George Brown President Doug Light in a ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel in early January. Light is a founding member of the OHI.

The Human Resources Department reports the following staff changes:

New faculty include: Martine Giguere in the Ontario Basic Skills French Language Service at 201 King St. E. and Felice Markowicz in the Ontario Basic Skills Student Assistance Program at 155 Sherbourne St.

New support staff include: Beverley Drummond in the Registrar's Office at 500 MacPherson; Karen Krugel in Student Services at St. James; and Kimberly Nullmeyer in Services for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing at St. James.

Transferring from support staff in the RNA program to Staff Training and Development at 500 MacPherson is Linda Purser.

Retiring from the College are: Charlie Bordonaro, Bob Gwilliam, Mike McNeely, Albert Resende, and Danny Smith.

Leaving are: Tong Hotchkiss, David Lanier and Julia Lewis.